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WEATHER

Thursday



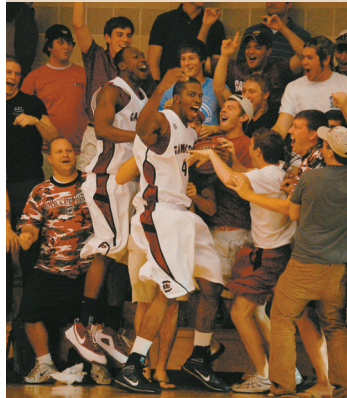
Friday



Saturday



INSIDE  
SPORTS



Basketball Practice

The USC men's basketball team holds an open student practice at the Strom.

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The Mix Tape

Colin Jones and Ellen Meder choose their top picks for things to eat and watch this Halloween weekend.

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Because I Said So

Police officers are caring individuals who work relentlessly to keep our campus safe.



**Marilynn Joyner**  
Second-year English and dance student

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# USC TOPS SEXUAL HEALTH RANKINGS

*Availability of information, testing help Carolina excel*

**Ellen Meder**  
ASSISTANT MIX EDITOR

Everyone comes to college for education but, according to a study released Tuesday, the University of South Carolina is currently leading the nation in a non-academic field of education: sexual health.

USC was ranked No. 1 out of 141 NCAA colleges and universities nationwide for availability of sexual health information and resources according to the fourth annual Trojan Sexual Health Report Card. Never having slipped below No. 11, South Carolina embodied many of the 13 points of criterion for an overall 3.43 sexual health GPA.

Trojan Brand Condoms has been in the contraception business for over 90 years, according to Bruce Tetreault, a group project manager for Trojan, and aligns its business objectives with public health needs.

"Four years ago we got some really sobering statistics about the state of sexual health in America," Tetreault said. "Only one in three sex acts in singles uses a condom, there are 19 million new sexually transmitted infections every year and over 700,000 unplanned pregnancies under the age of 20 every year in the United States. That drove us to spark conversation and increase awareness of the state of sexual health awareness in America and by doing the Report Card we are able to do that and increase availability of information and resources."

Trojan enlisted Sperling's BestPlaces, a Portland, Or. data analysis company, to measure both the access and availability of information and resources. Sperling's BestPlaces graded universities based on data from campus health centers, student polls and other readily available information like school Web sites. Cost of and access to contraception, HIV testing Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing as well as outreach and peer groups factored in to the grading.



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Trojan Brand Condoms has been selling contraceptives for over 90 years.

Amount of sexual activity and STI rates were not included in the study because such information is difficult to accurately obtain said company president Bert Sperling. With a Facebook campaign targeting each school, Sperling's BestPlaces ran advertisements for questionnaires that asked students five question: Would you consider contacting the health center for a sexual health issue? Does the health center do a good job? Are the services complete? Is he staff trustworthy? And, is there room for improvement? Over 6,000 students responded nationally, with 89 USC responses.

"In those scores, USC received one of the very highest scores in student responses," Sperling said. "It has a very good Web site and they have student peer groups, they have programs for assault and sexual harassment awareness, and outreach and lecture programs are all top notch. In many areas very excellent."

Thompson Student Health Center helped in many ways, including everything from free Pap smear testing and free condoms to informative pamphlets. The Sexual Health & Violence Prevention's (SH&VP) services is where USC especially excelled, offering healthy relationship services, STI information, sexual assault and stalking prevention and lots of campus outreach.

"Our overall goal is seeing students have healthy relationships, including partners, roommates and friendships," said Ryan Wilson, the Sexual Health Program Coordinator at SH&VP. "My focus is just the sexual health piece of that whole."

With the University 101 outreach program, SH&VP representatives go class to class with a "What your peers never told you about sex" presentation that gives students full information on both safe sex and abstinence and sparks discussion about personal beliefs.

"We ask students to decide on their own sexual health, to do make those decisions on their own timeline, when they're ready," Wilson said.

Additionally, SH&VP spends a lot of time researching student sexual health and holds events like the Nov. 17 World AIDS Day forum, as well as Greene Street condom handouts throughout the year and the Project Condom fashion show in the spring. The branch of the health center also helps out the student sexual health group, Share, in their dissemination of information.

"What we're doing is on target from the research I'm reading about how peers can help other peers with a lot of this," Wilson said. "We all need to make responsible decisions and then help others as well. That is one way we can improve, is to take care of each other in every area."

## HOW OTHER SCHOOLS MATCHED UP

- 1 University of South Carolina
- 6 University of Georgia
- 24 University of Florida
- 32 Mississippi State University
- 38 University of Kentucky
- 40 University of Alabama
- 65 University of Mississippi
- 100 University of Tennessee
- 101 University of Arkansas
- 112 Vanderbilt University
- 119 Auburn University

66 Clemson University

\*out of 141 schools

Kat King, a third-year visual communication student and the president of Share, agreed that students listen more to people like themselves.

"I'm really thrilled about the honor," King said. "I think it's really the visibility of our peers and the amazing research of the SH&VP office that got us here."

Share has about 40 undergraduate members, and is holding many events this month to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and participates with SH&VP in World AIDS Day activities, Safe Spring Break Week, Project Condom, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Stalking Awareness Day and Homophobia Awareness week.

"I'm really proud of the work we've done and definitely feel that in certain areas we are leading the way," Wilson said.

The healthy discussion of formerly taboo topics at USC is not an isolated occurrence, though.

"Now students are asking how they can help their schools improve the availability of this information and we've really seen student empowerment happening," Tetreault said. "For us, that's been the biggest change and the most gratifying."

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## KRISTIN'S STORY WARNS OF ACQUAINTANCE RAPE

**Andrea Cooper educates students about depression, effects of sexual assault**

**Sara Hartley**  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

When Andrea Cooper began her presentation, Kristin's Story, Wednesday night, it was hard to believe she would be speaking about the rape and suicide of her only daughter.

She began with a humorous explanation for why she couldn't speak when she was originally scheduled to visit USC last spring, comparing a stomach illness to morning sickness.

"But don't get pregnant yet, use those condoms," Cooper said with a laugh.

Her sense of humor continued throughout her presentation, despite the intensity of her story.

Cooper has been traveling to schools nationwide for 11 years to share the tragic story of her daughter, Kristin, and inform men and women of how to deal with sexual assault. Cooper's visit was sponsored by, the Sorority Council, SH&VP and Share as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"The main reason is to bring about domestic violence awareness," said Hillary Bracht, a third-year criminal justice student who is in Alpha Chi Omega and also a Share Peer leader.

Cooper focused mainly on the issue of acquaintance rape and the psychological effects that it has on victims.

"I think most moms just teach their daughters about stranger rape," Cooper said. "But you can be raped by someone near and dear to you."

Cooper spoke of how acquaintance rape sparked the depression that led to her daughter's suicide. She described how she found her daughter's body on New Year's Eve, then went on to discuss how she recovered and learned the reason for the

suicide.

"I never dreamed I would lose a child to suicide," Cooper said, adding that suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students. "It was the absolute worst feeling a mother could feel. I thought it was because her boyfriend broke up with her."

Through reading her daughter's journals and talking to Kristin's Alpha Chi Omega sorority sisters, Cooper learned that Kristin was raped by a friend after a party. Cooper said the rape, and her boyfriend's lack of support following it, caused Kristin's severe depression that led to her suicide.

Cooper continued by presenting the audience with facts about depression and sexual assault and tips for how to deal with these issues.

"There were a lot of statistics that were just incredible," said Brianna Booth, a second-year business student who is also in Alpha Chi Omega.

As domestic violence awareness is the sorority's philanthropy, Booth said that she had some background knowledge in the area but learned a lot from Cooper's presentation.

Cooper said that over 50 percent of college women have experienced sexual aggression from an acquaintance, and one in four college women has faced sexual assault or attempted sexual assault. Cooper also addressed the psychological effects that often result from rape.

"Rape is all about power and humiliation and control," she said. "Many women become promiscuous afterward to regain control."

To help someone who has been raped, Cooper said students should listen without judging, give comfort and be patient.

"For a survivor of sexual assault or molestation, it's something you will never forget," Cooper said. "But you can recover."

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**Sen. Matt Ungar supported a resolution to create a new committee that will handle graduate assistant complaints.**

*Senate measure addresses graduate student concerns*

**New committee will handle complaints of mistreatment**

**Josh Dawsey**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

USC's Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday night to form a committee and address graduate student concerns. With the passage of the resolution, Senate leaders hope to approach graduate school leaders about setting up a system where assistants can file complaints concerning mistreatment.

"It's been a problem we've had for a long time," Sen. Matt Ungar, a third-year public relations student, said.

Ungar said he was told about the issues by Graduate Student Association President Alan Tauber. After learning of the problem, Ungar said he watched Katie Spell, the GA for SG.

"She works really, really

hard," he said. "She does a lot more than 20 hours a week."

Tauber said he went to Director of Student Life Jerry Brewer and human resources concerning the problem. Neither department was aware of protocol to file complaints.

"If you're having a problem right now, there's no mechanism to fix it," he said. "No one really knows where we fit into the system, so we figured we should go to the graduate school."

Tauber said there kinks to be work out. If a graduate student were to file a complaint, they might face retribution from their directing professor.

"This is the person that grades your work, directs your research and controls what happens," Tauber said. "It could cause problems."

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CALENDAR

**What:** Ocean Isle Memorial  
**When:** 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Greene Street

**What:** Trick-or-treat with UNICEF  
**When:** 10 a.m.  
**Where:** Greene Street

**What:** Changing Carolina Social  
**When:** 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Russell House Patio

**What:** “Public Enemies”  
**When:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Theater

**What:** Battle of the Bands  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Ballroom

**What:** Carolina Debate Union Weekly Debate  
**When:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Senate Chambers

**What:** “Friday the 13th”  
**When:** 9 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Theater

SPORTS SCHEDULE

SWIM AND DIVE

Tomorrow vs. Clemson  
Clemson, SC  
5 p.m.

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Tomorrow vs. Florida  
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LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL

Boeing to open SC factory

**SEATTLE** — Boeing Co. said Wednesday it will open a second assembly line for its long-delayed 787 jetliner in South Carolina, expanding beyond its longtime manufacturing base in Washington state.  
The Chicago-based airplane maker said it chose North Charleston over Everett, Wash., because the location worked best as the company boosts production of the jet, which can carry up to 250 passengers.  
Boeing already operates a factory in North Charleston that makes 787 parts and owns a stake in another plant there that makes sections of the plane.  
For years, Boeing has discussed the possibility of opening a second production line for its long-delayed 787 to meet demand for the plane, its best-selling new aircraft to date. The company currently has 850 orders for the plane.  
“Establishing a second 787 assembly line in Charleston will expand our production capability to meet the market demand,” Jim Albaugh, president and CEO of Boeing’s commercial airplane division, said in a statement.

NATIONAL

H1N1 causes school closings

**CHICAGO** — The number of students staying home sick with the flu is multiplying nationwide, and normally quiet school nurses’ offices suddenly look like big city emergency rooms, packed with students too ill to finish the day.  
The federal government has urged schools to close because of the swine flu only as a last resort. But schools are closing by the dozens as officials say they are being hit so hard and so fast by the H1N1 virus that they feel shutting down for a few days is the only feasible option.  
At least 351 schools were closed last week alone — affecting 126,000 students in 19 states, according to the U.S. Education Department. So far this school year, about 600 schools have temporarily shut their doors.  
The number of closures this year appears on target to surpass the roughly 700 schools closed last spring when the swine flu outbreak first hit.

INTERNATIONAL

Car bomb kills 100 in Pakistan

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan** — Suspected militants exploded a car bomb in a market crowded with women and children Wednesday, killing 100 people and turning shops selling wedding dresses, toys and jewelry into a mass of burning debris and bodies.  
The attack in the northwestern city of Peshawar was Pakistan’s deadliest since 2007 and came as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visited the country to offer support for its fight against a strengthening al-Qaida and Taliban-led insurgency based along the Afghan border.  
Clinton was three hours’ drive away in the capital meeting Pakistani government leaders when the bomb went off in Peshawar. Her trip was not announced in advance in Pakistan for security reasons.  
The shaky, U.S.-backed government said the bombing — the latest in a series this month — had strengthened its resolve to press ahead with the assault in the South Waziristan border region, a militant stronghold and a global training and operations hub for al-Qaida.

— The Associated Press



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Delta Sigma Theta sorority member Shelkecia Lessington gets pied in the face on Greene Street Wednesday for Delta Week.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1618

Sir Walter Raleigh, English adventurer, writer and favorite courtier of Queen Elizabeth I, is beheaded in London, under a sentence brought against him 15 years earlier for conspiracy against King James I. Raleigh organized three major expeditions to America, including the ill-fated Roanoke settlement in present-day North Carolina in 1587.

1929

Black Tuesday hits Wall Street, as investors trade 16,410,030 shares on the New York Stock Exchange in a single day. In the aftermath of Black Tuesday, America and the rest of the industrialized world spirals downward into the Great Depression.

1956

Israeli armed forces push into Egypt toward the Suez Canal, initiating the Suez Crisis.

1971

The total number of U.S. troops remaining in Vietnam drops to 196,700 — the lowest level since January 1966. This is a result of the Vietnamization program announced by President Richard Nixon at the June 1969 Midway Conference, where U.S. troops are to be withdrawn as the South Vietnamese assume more responsibility for the war.



Thank you for making Homecoming 2009 such a great success! Congratulations to the following winners:

HOMECOMING COURT:

**King:** Nick Riley, University Ambassadors  
**Queen:** Maya Procinsky, Zeta Tau Alpha  
**Prince:** Alex Stroman, Phi Kappa Sigma  
**Princess:** Maria Scalici, Delta Delta Delta



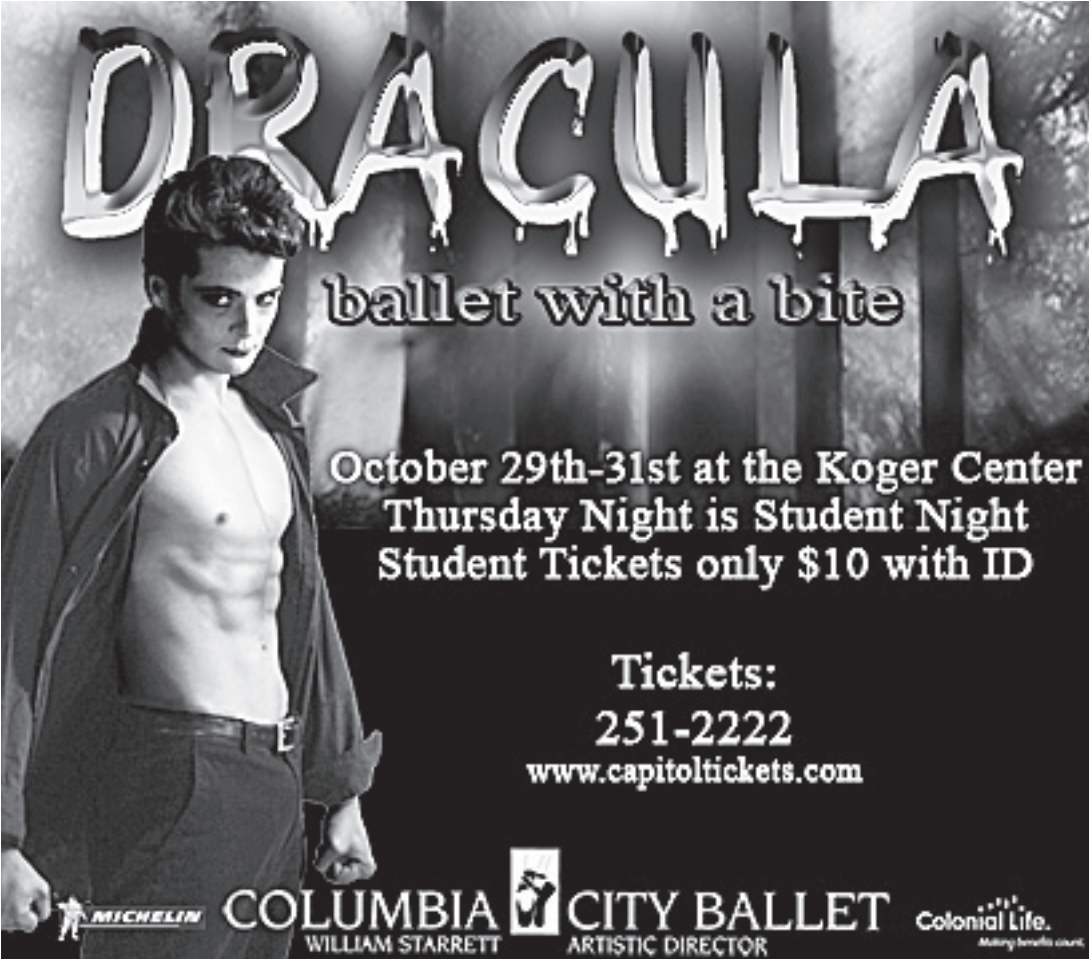
OVER ALL COMPETITION WINNERS:

**3rd Place** Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Tau Delta  
**2nd Place** Gamma Phi Beta and Lambda Chi Alpha  
**1st Place** Zeta Tau Alpha and Phi Kappa Sigma

BEST OF CAROLINA AWARDS:

**National Recognition Award:** Alpha Delta Pi  
**The Spirit of Carolina Award:** Carolina Judicial Council  
**Community Service Award:** Delta Zeta  
**Order of the Gamecock Award:** Brandon Gates, University Ambassadors  
**Carolina Alumni Award:** Meredith Millen, Gamma Phi Beta





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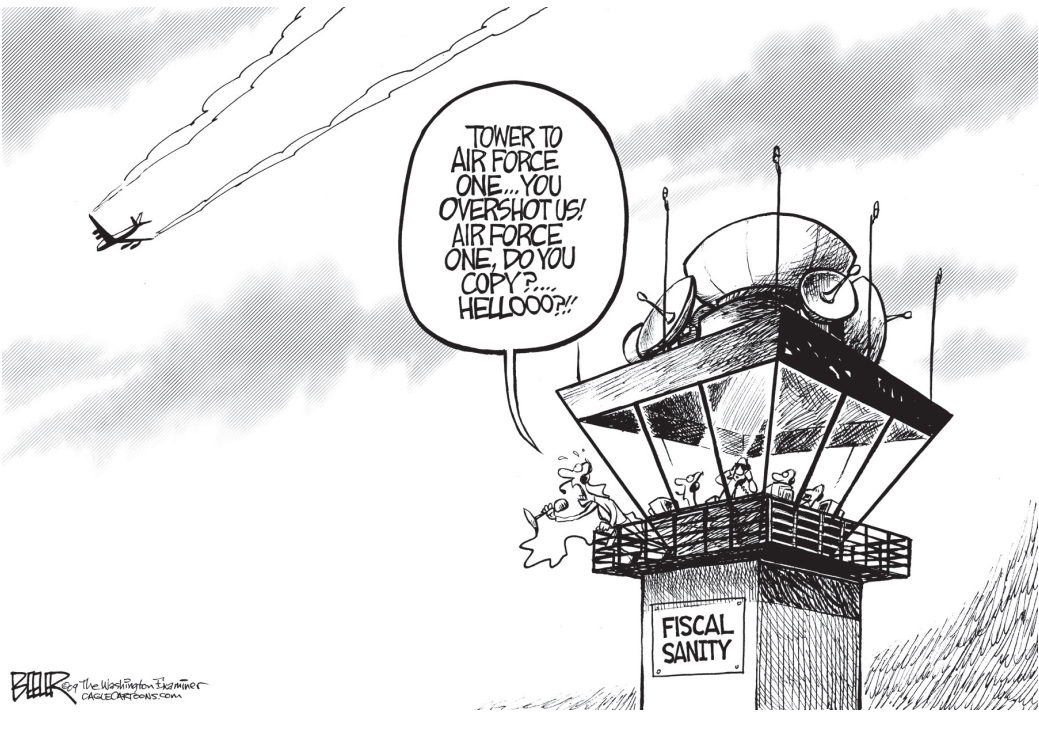
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USC receives top spot in sexual health report

USC recently received the honor of being ranked No. 1 in the fourth annual Trojan Sexual Health Report Card, ahead of 141 other NCAA colleges and universities nationwide. Although this might not be a ranking we brag to our relatives about at Thanksgiving dinner, it should definitely be a point of pride. The report card, conducted by Trojan Brand Condoms and Sperling’s BestPlaces, judges schools on the availability of sexual health information and resources as well as student opinions on the facilities available on their campuses.

“ This might not be what we brag to our relatives about, but it should be a point of pride. ”

information available through USC’s Sexual Health and Violence Prevention services helped push USC to the top. The fact that USC ranked No. 1 is an amazing tribute, not only to the faculty and facilities we have here at USC, but also to the student involvement we have when it comes to spreading the message of safe sex. Student organizations such as Share work hard year-round to get students involved in the effort to keep their friends and fellow Gamecocks informed about sexual health. Programs such as the Project Condom fashion show aim to get the discussion of sexual health out in the open to all students and to let them know that being safe and careful is easy and nothing to be ashamed of. The point is that our wonderful facilities, faculty and student involvement got USC top honors, which means there is no excuse for poor sexual health. Diseases and unplanned pregnancies are preventable, and, without proper precautions, they can change lives forever. Good sexual health is something we all need to maintain — we have nationally recognized services here at USC, so we should all be taking full advantage of them.



BECAUSE I SAID SO

USC police protects campus

University lucky to have respectful officers who strive to keep students safe by working to prevent, solving crime

In regards to the police article I wrote last week, I wanted to add some things about a police department that occasionally goes unnoticed. After visiting the USC police office, taking a tour and seeing behind-the-scene actions, I realized this department does a great job in protecting our campus. Students should not be afraid to go to them, because they are here to protect and take care of the University.



Marilynn joyner Second-year English and dance student

With many officers on the job, the USC police department never stops monitoring campus. In one of the offices, there is a room full of TV monitors of all the cameras on campus that are watched 24/7. The department is constantly protecting students. Unfortunately, there is a lot of crime on campus that goes unnoticed by students. The most popular crime is stealing, from money to iPods to a pair of jeans in the laundry room. On campus, stealing is easier than

you think. If you live in a dorm, even leaving your door open to go take a shower can lead to something in your room being taken. Anything can be taken in an instant, so students need to watch their belongings to prevent this popular act. Also, sexual violence is another act that seems to go unnoticed. Girls especially should be aware of their surroundings when they go out with friends. It is so easy for someone to slip something in a drink and take someone home. It is also easy to run up a credit card bill while at a bar. Having a good time with your friends does not have to involve these things. Try not to go out of control when you’re out, because you can be an easy target. Students new to college are more vulnerable, but that doesn’t mean it can’t happen to everyone. And if something bad does happen, the USC police force is there to help. They will not get you in trouble, but instead they will help any way they can. All students should be appreciative of those who protect our safety on campus. The police department does everything and anything they can to protect and serve. They are trying to prevent crime on campus, and they are continuously doing a great job.

Going green the new red, white, blue

Weak U.S. economy could be revitalized by industry trend

The Green movement has arrived, and it is here to stay. What started with some hype over the hybrid car phenomenon has vastly expanded, not just to include a few tree-hugging hippies, but millions of Americans. I’m not just talking about turning off the lights or recycling cans. Many people are surprised by the emphasis being put on the environment during this time of serious economic recession; however, what they may not realize is going green could actually lead to the rebirth of our economy.



Pari Fakhrazadeh Third-year business student

President Obama has allocated a large portion of the stimulus package toward alternative energy. This is good thinking, because as the rest of the national industries go into recession the green energy industry has seen a growth. Putting money into industries that are making money rather than putting all our funds toward rescuing failing businesses could be the difference in us teetering on the edge of disaster and standing our ground as the economic power house. Some companies are resistant to change simply because it is easier to keep doing the same things; however, what we are doing now is not working. We can’t be afraid that going green will cause the economy to suffer. Ultimately it will be an investment that will actually save us money. The green industry is a great place for students to consider job options. With the demand for green products and energy, there will be a large increase in the demand for workers. Also, a \$275 billion dollar economic recovery package is going to be allocated for such things as creating jobs in the green sector alone. In addition to creating new, well-paying jobs that can’t be outsourced, it will help make America become an economic leader in the 21st century. It is time to embrace this movement with open arms and take advantage of our bright and capable workforce who see the future as a cleaner and more sustainable place. Our cities and states will breathe cleaner air while our businesses reap the monetary rewards for their green ideas and innovations. Looks like green is the new red, white and blue.

Modern world has ‘royal’ advantages

Look back in history should garner appreciation for modern advances, privileges now seen as everyday

When I was a little kid my dad used to tell me we lived better than kings used to when castles, moats and loyal subjects were standard issue for royalty.



Michael Wunderlich Third-year broadcast journalism student

I didn’t believe this, because when I heard my dad tell me this I was jealous of my pet parakeet, Petey. Petey didn’t have to go to school, do math problems, clean his room or wake up early on Sundays to go to church. My envy of a bird’s life — coupled with my longing for a moat around my house and archers guarding my driveway — made me believe that every day I experienced without said moat was

a new chapter in my uncharted struggle to live a king’s life. As I got older, I realized that maybe we do live better than the kings we read about in history books. Maybe living a life like Petey’s wasn’t as good as I thought. For one, Petey ended up as a snack for a neighborhood cat that found his way into our back porch. I guess maybe when you’re in danger of getting eaten every day, your life isn’t that great. Regardless of Petey’s demise, I realized that no matter how tough our lives are — no matter how early we have to get up for work or class or how many dishes that face us in the kitchen sink — we really do for the most part live a blessed and wonderful life and should acknowledge it. I hear all the time from friends stressed by school about how they need a drink after a hard week of tests and studying and, in some instances, that may be all right to do. But the fact that we have a future ahead of us worth working hard for is reason enough to

believe we are kings in our own worlds. Kings of history’s greatest civilizations had to worry about plagues, golden hordes and peasant rebellions. Plus, they didn’t have indoor plumbing, SEC football games or air conditioning. The world’s most powerful rulers, who lived a life so lavish and filled with such extravagance, had to employ people to fan them because they were too hot. Meanwhile, we enjoy relative comfort in our controlled climate homes. Take that, royalty. Ultimately, as long as we have a warm place to sleep at night, food to sustain us and friends and family to support us, life can’t really be that bad. We really might live better than kings did. We maximize the stresses of our everyday lives. Sometimes we can’t help that, but I’m sure if any King George or Charlemagne or Montezuma were offered to trade his castle or temple for an air-conditioned house, carpeted floors and a hot shower daily, they might be willing to listen.

IT’S YOUR RIGHT

The goal of The Daily Gamecock’s Viewpoints page is to stimulate discussion in the University of South Carolina community. All published authors are expected to provide logical arguments to back their views. The Daily Gamecock encourages readers to voice opinions and offers three methods of expression: letters to the editor, guest columns and feedback on dailygamecock.com. Letters and guest columns should be submitted via e-mail to gamecockeditor@sc.edu. Letters must be 200 to 300 words in length and include the author’s name,

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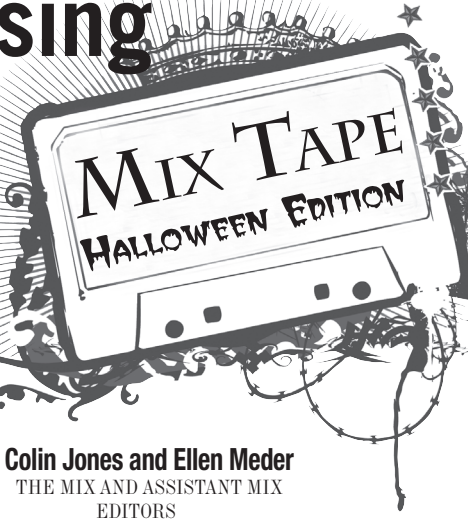
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# 5 things we're obsessing about this week



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## 1 AMC's Night of The Living Dead Marathon and Fear Fest

Yes, it's cheesy and gory but George A. Romero's original is still the best. On Halloween, AMC plans to loop the 1968 classic all night. Expect plenty of brains and commentary by the man who started it all for zombies. Other than NOTLD, AMC plans to show horror movies throughout the day. If you get bored with the game on Saturday or want to get into the spirit of the holiday, head over to the channel for a number of fear flicks, including some cuts from the Halloween series and the comedy "Young Frankenstein."

## 2 Pumpkins

Right now we can't get enough of these festive little gourds. Whether you just use them for decoration (they really can keep for about a month untouched), carve them up into creative Jack o'lanterns, bake their seeds with cinnamon or salt, bake pumpkin bread, concoct pumpkin pie or get a shot of pumpkin flavoring in your Starbucks latte, this week is all about going pumpkrazy!

## 3 Scarowinds

As if going to Carowinds, the rollercoaster and amusement park that straddles the North Carolina/South Carolina border outside of Charlotte, wasn't fun enough, the spooky Halloween twist ups the ante to a PG-13 level of fright. With hundreds of frightening characters roaming the park, special performances and creepy mazes with themes from slaughter house to insane asylum, the twirling, death-defying rides won't be the only place you'll be screaming. If you buy tickets online in pairs you get a discount too. Open 7 p.m. to midnight tonight and Friday and until 1 a.m. on All Hallows Eve.

## 4 "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"

You're officially a blockhead if you ever deny watching this Charlie Brown fable. While some may see this cherished classic as a bit dated, Charles Shultz's Peanuts Halloween tale conjures up nostalgia and serves as another notch in the Peanuts holiday tome. "Pumpkin" follows the misguided Linus on his quest to see the Great Pumpkin on All Hallows Eve. While he never sees the Great Pumpkin, the special is still worth watching just for the classic weight it carries ... and Charlie Brown being tricked by Lucy to kick the football isn't too

## 5 bad either. Candy Corn

The real question is what's not to love? With the physical appearance of harvest corn and the taste of pure teeth-rotting sugar, those little orange, yellow and white morsels mean certain joy. Sure pumpkin-shaped Peeps are fun, but the classic tops all other Halloween candy. For an exciting twist, try out an exotic candy corn flavor like orange-mango or toffee.

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# GEEKING OUT WITH JOSH CALL

## Japanese lead trends in technology

If you want to look at future trends in technology, look at Japan.

There is no question that many Asian countries, particularly Japan, are a few years ahead of us in terms of computerization and cell phone technologies. The Japanese make it an obsession to have more gadgets, faster trains, and, to often freaky results, more lifelike robots. But even more fascinating is their culture, which embraces technologies in a way that we have not — the Japanese people serve as an example of how we as people may become immersed and intertwined with our technology in ways that seem radical.

What we regard as the "hacker" culture, they refer to as that otaku, a growing class of technology-immersed people who live and breathe the technology around them. These otaku are

anything from computer programmers to high school dropouts and they live for the thrill of cruising the internet, pursuing obsessions (everything from monsters to the latest manga) and hacking into mainframes for bits of information. In many ways, the otaku make a new identity for themselves online, one in which awkward teenagers can become the center of attention for hacking out the latest pop star's dirty little secret.

We have this as well in the English-speaking world. The movie-pirate aXXo is well known and almost worshipped among the online community for his — or what is most likely a full group — steady stream of high quality movie torrents. The message board 4chan, source of the famed lolcats, has gained some media attention for its spontaneous activism, such as its recent, almost terrorist-like campaign against Scientology.

But even on a more mundane level: our submersion into Facebook, Twitter and little games like Farmville has us indulging our obsessions more and more in the virtual world.

For the Japanese it is a little different because they

do not have the classic value of individualism and staunch morality that we obtain from our traditionally Christian background. Confucian values are more open to creating one's own ideas about right and wrong, which create some strange and wild obsessions among the Japanese. More fascinating is how their classic Shinto notion of animism, the idea that everything has a spirit and that we are simply another spirit among nature, allows them to perceive computers as living entities. Japanese anthropologist,

Karl Taro Greenfield, notes in his book "Speed Tribes" that the otaku "simply view their PC or television as another object, like a rock or a tree or a kimono, which is of nature and hence of themselves ... because there is no man distinct from machine."

In many ways this leads many Japanese to feel more at home with machines than with people. This has been a large theme in popular manga and anime, particularly movies like "Ghost in a Shell" and series like "Serial Experiments Lain," in which

the main character proceeds to meld with the Internet, shedding her physical body as unnecessary.

Although many people in the English-speaking world are becoming fascinated with the anime and manga pouring out from Japan, we still resist these strong notions of man-machine relationships. Our machines in our movies and shows are still out to take over the world, dehumanize us and kill us. But we must refrain from making hasty judgments about the nature of the otaku;

our close kinship with our technology is something we will all have to mitigate daily for the rest of our lives as computing continues to saturate our lives more with each passing year.

The Japanese may already be ahead of us in navigating this merging of technology and identities, but, in the end, it is something we will all have to face.

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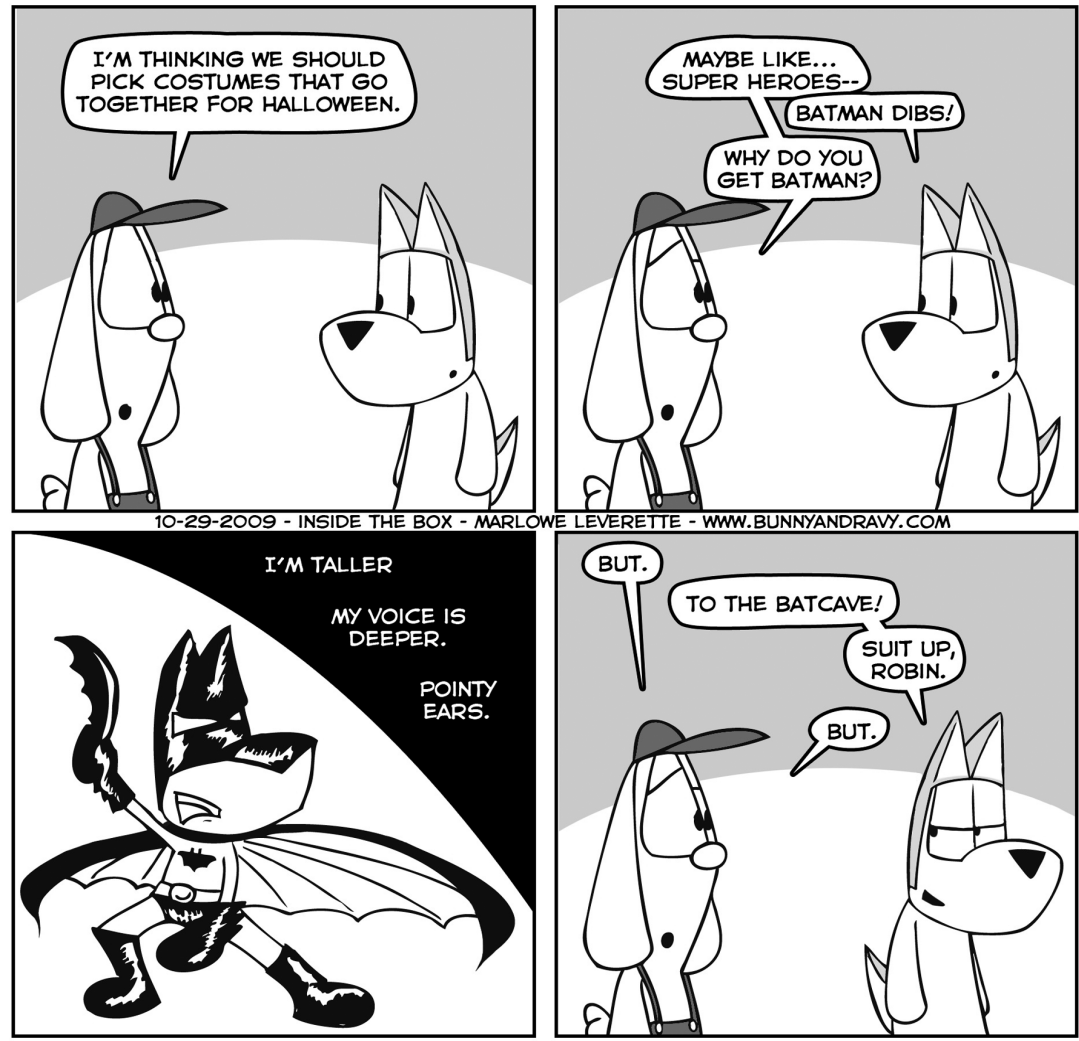
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**TAURUS** Focus on the details and follow up on anything strange. The goal is balance, not perfection.

**GEMINI** You feel rushed. Everything needs to be done 10 minutes ago. Do one thing at a time and you'll make good progress.

**CANCER** An older person supplies the format you need to use. Follow it. This is not the time to get creative.

**LEO** Romance seems stale right now. Try energizing the situation with invitations or candles.

**VIRGO** Take stock of your progress in recent days. To balance the ledger, take care of at least one problem.

**LIBRA** Get down to practical details when you share ideas. Others won't have the full picture unless you give it to them.

**SCORPIO** Balance becomes important now. Avoid extremes in words and actions. You'll be glad you did.

**SAGITTARIUS** An older person points out subtle changes that make your plan even better. Don't take this as criticism.

**CAPRICORN** If you can, get outside or go to the gym and get your heart rate up. Physical activity dispels frustration.

**AQUARIUS** Seek balance in every activity. This includes balanced nutrition, even at breakfast.

**PISCES** Partners' resources have seemed limited recently. Today the reasons become more evident. Prepare a new budget.

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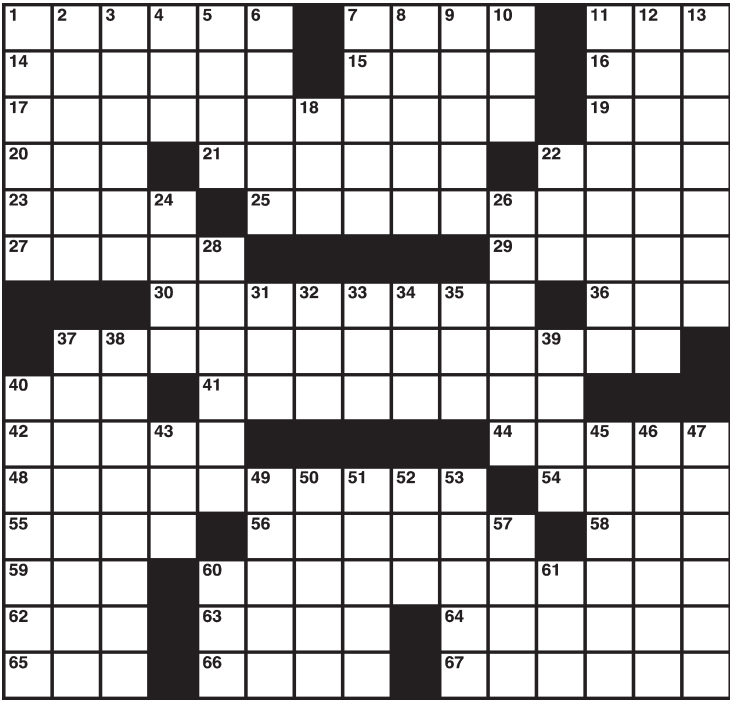
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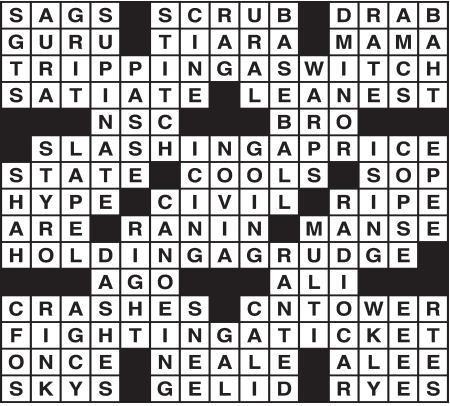
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- 15 Cause of a worldwide 19th century fever
- 16 Old school dance
- 17 Lost it
- 19 Victoria's Secret offering
- 20 Bonanza find
- 21 In copious amounts
- 22 Ivy in Philly
- 23 Ivy in New Haven
- 25 Dismissed out of hand
- 27 Pizazz
- 29 Trumpet sound
- 30 Party list
- 36 Bug
- 37 Like Starbucks coffee, every 30 minutes
- 40 Bard's "before"
- 41 Software customers
- 42 Three-time world champion alpine skier Hermann
- 44 Feast where the Haggadah is read
- 48 "That's too bad, man"
- 54 Brazilian soccer legend
- 55 Prime Cuts in Gravy brand
- 56 Crude fleet
- 58 Busy co. on Valentine's Day
- 59 \_\_ Speedwagon
- 60 "I don't feel like cooking" option
- 62 Enlistees, briefly
- 63 Slurpee relative
- 64 Capital on the Missouri River
- 65 Wee hour
- 66 High degrees: Abbr.



- 67 Aftershock
- DOWN
- 1 Real people?
- 2 Biblical debarkation point
- 3 How bad excuses are given
- 4 Bowl over
- 5 Guzzling sound
- 6 "Piece of cake!"
- 7 Inuit home
- 8 Club for country kids
- 9 Shuteye
- 10 Anomalous
- 11 Austin Powers catchphrase
- 12 Trapped
- 13 Stretchy fabric
- 18 Day-\_\_: pigment brand
- 22 D.C. deal maker
- 24 Nobelist Wiesel
- 26 Preoccupy
- 28 Make certain
- 31 Videotape type
- 32 Land in la mer
- 33 Norse god of single combat
- 34 Diminish

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- 35 Pitching stat
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- 38 Put back in force, as an expired tax
- 39 Blubber
- 40 Economic warfare tactic
- 43 Funnyman Philips
- 45 Mar the beauty of
- 46 Corrida snorter
- 47 More rare, as steak
- 49 Raid target
- 50 Protected by levees
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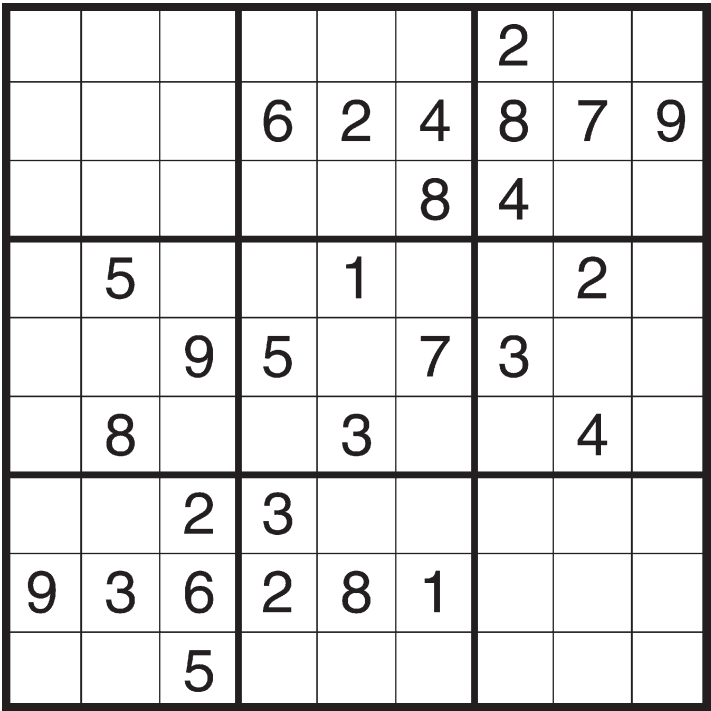
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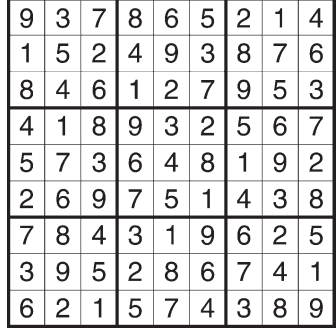
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# USC wows crowd at student practice

*Garnet Army packs gym at Strom Thurmond for men's basketball open practice*

**James Kratch**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It's not even November, but basketball season has already hit Columbia. In front of a loud, sizable crowd, the USC men's basketball team has the unofficial start to the 2009-2010 season, and despite just being a student practice in the gym at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, the atmosphere already felt like a crucial late-season game.

"Unbelievable turnout. Probably triple what we did last year. All the credit to our student fans," USC coach Darrin Horn said. "When they get behind us, it makes a huge difference. It makes a difference at home, and I think this year, it's going to be as important as it ever has been."

With music pumping and most of the team on the floor throwing down dunks and jump shots, Horn made it clear to the students in attendance that their enthusiasm was appreciated.

"Our most important fans are our student fans," Horn, wearing a microphone, said to the crowd.

Spending most of the session grinning and laughing, the players were clearly enjoying themselves as well.

"It was a good turnout. It gets them ready to transfer over to basketball season, and bring all the energy they've had for the football season over to the basketball season, which we need a lot," junior forward Austin Steed said. "We really need everybody to come out and support us. The more fans we have, the more loud the arena is, the more fun we have out there."

To close out the practice, Horn had the entire crowd come to center court and join the team in their customary post-practice breakdown.

"These students are everything to the energy in our arena," Horn said. "We truly



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**Forwards Mike Holmes and Sam Muldrow jump to "Sandstrom" with student fans during the open practice held yesterday at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center.**

do consider them an extension on the part of our team."

The famed "Garnet Army" isn't even a year old, but Horn already feels that

the atmosphere and connection with the student body he sought to create when he was first hired here is well on its way.

"We want to get to the point where

they're hanging off the track all the way around, 15 deep all around the floor," Horn said. "I think we're getting to that point. I couldn't say enough about how great our students have been in such a short time, getting behind us and supporting us."

### New Threads

Wednesday was also the unveiling of new uniforms for the team.

"It was time to get something new," Horn said.

USC will have a home white jersey that says "Gamecocks" across the front in garnet with black outline, the traditional black road jersey with an updated white "South Carolina" circling the number on the front with garnet outline, and an alternate gray jersey also with "Gamecocks" on the front, the lettering white with black outline.

"I like them. It brings a new feeling," Steed said. "Just go out and have fun, play fast, get up and dunk, shoot threes."

### Galloway Impresses

When you see freshman guard Ramon Galloway play, one word comes to mind. "Athlete, athlete, athlete," Steed said.

Galloway wowed the crowd with several emphatic dunks and drained shots from well beyond the arc.

"He's extremely athletic, gets where he wants to go. He can just play basketball," Horn said.

Galloway apparently has people taking notice off the court as well as a big vocal presence in the locker room.

"He gets everybody riled up," freshman forward Lakeem Jackson said.

### Ready to Go

USC can't wait for opening night. "Everybody's anxious to get out there and start whupping on everybody," said Steed.

## Swim and Dive headed up to showdown in Tigertown

*Moody looks for increased focus as squads hit road against upstate rival*

**Scott Waggoner**  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The USC Swim and Dive team will continue a tough stretch this Friday when they go to Clemson to face the Tigers.

Last year, Carolina defeated Clemson rather easily, as the men won 178-119, while the women cruised through their events winning 171-128. Despite this, USC coach McGee Moody knows that last year's meet won't have any implications on how the team approaches Friday's meet.

"What happened last year doesn't really matter," Moody said. "If they're too confident

that's when things start to get a little dangerous. It very well could come down to the last relay for the women's team."

If USC is going to have a repeat performance against the Tigers, they will need to have their best match of the season.

"We have to swim faster than we [have] all year," Moody said.

Carolina matches up well against Clemson, and they will look to score many of their points on the sprint events for the men's team while the women will try to get a lot of their points in the breast stroke events. If they execute these keys, the Gamecocks should have a successful day in the pool.

"The way everything is setting up, we're going to have a pretty good weekend," Moody said. "I am looking forward to it."

The Gamecocks are winless on the road this year

with losses to North Carolina and Virginia Tech at a meet held at Chapel Hill, N.C. With three more road meets at Tennessee, Ohio State and Georgia, USC knows it needs to swim better on the road, and that starts with performing well this Friday.

In an effort to improve the team's play on the road, the coaching staff has made sure Carolina's routine is very structured. They want the players to think of nothing but the race, to focus on the positives and stay away from dwelling on the negatives.

"We need to be better on the road," Moody said. "We are so much more comfortable in our own pool. We've got to be able to go to someone else's pool and race the same way we race here."

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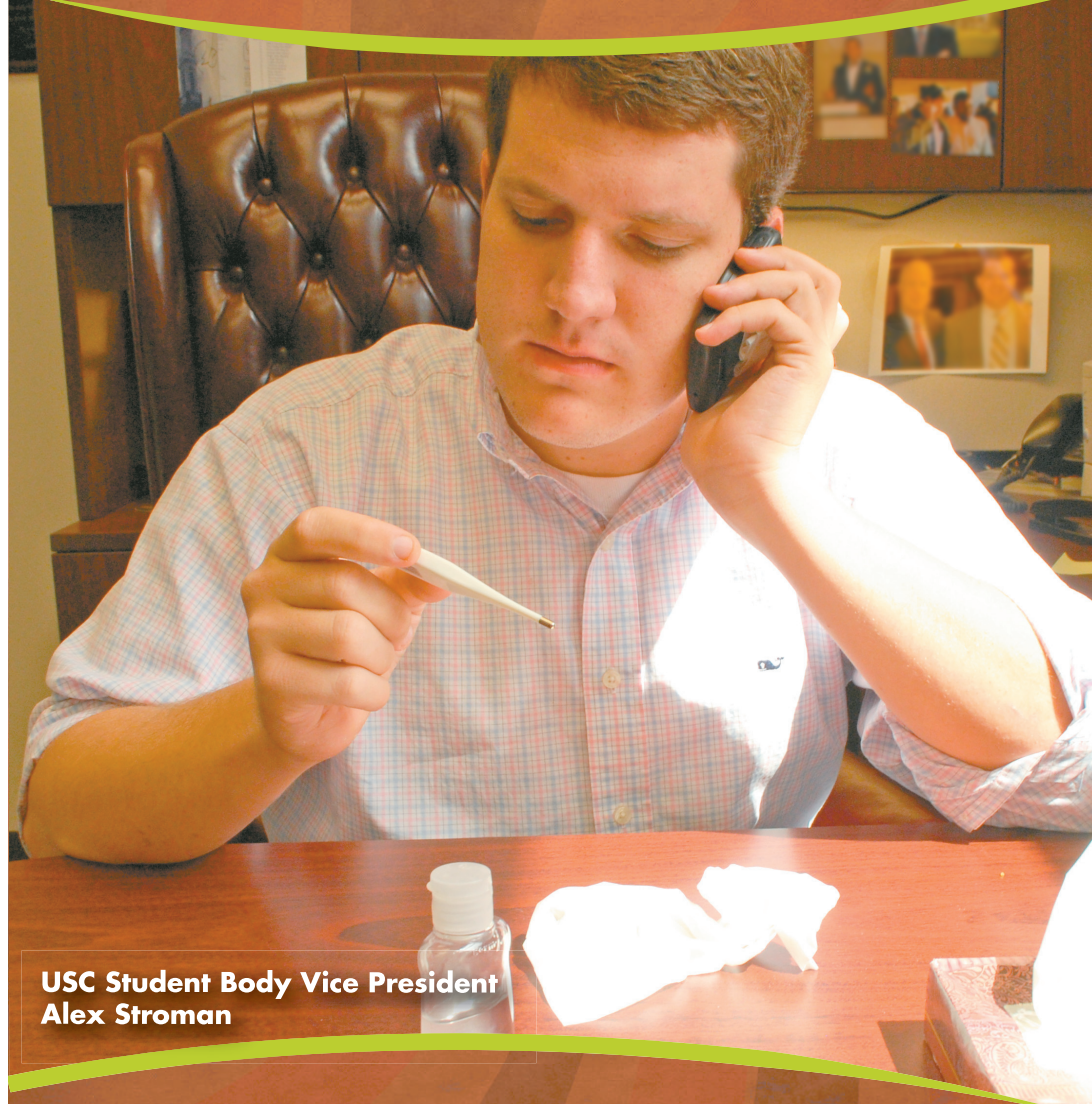
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